

DISTRICT CONFERENCES TO BE HELD.

It was then moved by Rev. Geo. E. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Geo. Goulding, and carried :—

That in the opinion of this Conference it is expedient that district Conferences on the subject of Prison Reform should be held, and that branches of the Prisoners' Aid Association should be established in every part of the Province of Ontario, so that the attention of county councils, the clergy and the general public may be drawn to this important work. We are further of the opinion that the Provincial Government should be asked to set apart a sum of money to be devoted to this purpose.

ADDITIONAL PRISON ACCOMMODATION.

"Prison Accommodation" was next taken up, and the Chairman started the discussion by asking Warden Massie, "Does there exist a necessity for additional accommodation?"

Mr. Massie said that the capacity of the Central was 352 cells. At present this was sufficient accommodation, but of course if the changes proposed were brought about there would not be near enough room.

Inspector Christie stated that if convicted persons were to be committed to the Central Prison instead of to the gaol there would have to be nearly nine times as much accommodation as at present.

Warden Lavell, of Kingston, informed the meeting that there was accommodation for 900 prisoners in the Penitentiary.

The Chairman, in summing up, said it would be better not to express any opinion as to the prison accommodation. He thought they should have an institution similar to the Elmira Reformatory, and should keep the subjects discussed at the Conference prominently before the public.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO WAIT UPON THE GOVERNMENT.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. W. G. Storm, and seconded by Mr. Hamilton Cassels :—

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